

Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any cancelled claims at a later date.

1.-8. (cancelled)

9. (new) A communications device, comprising:

a display unit for displaying characters;

a data entry pen for highlighting displayed characters;

an actuating element; and

a processor functionally connected to the actuating element for selecting such character currently highlighted by the data entry pen upon actuating the actuating element by a user.

10. (new) The communications device according to claim 9, wherein the display unit is a touch-sensitive display unit.

11. (new) The communications device according to claim 9, wherein the actuating element and the data entry pen are physically or functionally separate elements.

12. (new) The communications device according to claim 9, wherein the actuating element is configured to be actuated by either pressing the actuating element or releasing the actuating element.

13. (new) The communications device according to claim 9, further comprising a virtual keyboard configured to be automatically displayed on the display unit upon the data entry pen entering an approach zone arranged in front of the display unit.

14. (new) The communications device according to claim 9, further comprising a virtual keyboard configured to be automatically displayed on the display unit upon the data entry pen touching the display unit.

15. (new) The communications device according to claim 13, wherein the virtual keyboard is automatically removed from the display unit when the data entry pen leaves the approach zone.

16. (new) The communications device according to claim 14, wherein the virtual keyboard is automatically removed from the display unit when the data entry pen loses touch with the display unit.

17. (new) The communications device according to claim 9, wherein the actuating element includes a key of the communications device, the key also serving other functional purposes of the communications device.

18. (new) The communications device according to claim 13, wherein characters of the virtual keyboard are configured to be highlighted by the data entry pen,

highlighted characters of the virtual keyboard are configured to be selected by actuating the actuating element, and

a selected highlighted character of the virtual keyboard is displayed in a text field of the display unit.

19. (new) The communications device according to claim 14, wherein characters of the virtual keyboard are configured to be highlighted by the data entry pen,

highlighted characters of the virtual keyboard are configured to be selected by actuating the actuating element, and

a selected highlighted character of the virtual keyboard is displayed in a text field of the display unit.

20. (new) The communications device according to claim 9, wherein a selected highlighted character is displayed in an accentuated form for easy visual distinction of the selected highlighted character from other displayed characters.